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| Kenichi IIDA, et al. |) | Group Art Unit: Unassigned | | |
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the copending application listed below.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u> 10/661,506

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<u>APPLICANT</u> Iida, et al.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that <u>no</u> Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

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